

ORIGIN OF THE WALTZ.

This Dance Was First Performed as a Religious Ceremony.

Of all the millions who waltz, who can tell how this famous dance originated? The story is a curious one. It is wrongly supposed that France received the waltz from Germany toward the close of the eighteenth century. The waltz did not emanate in its present form from the brain of a dancing master. Long before 1780, the time it is first mentioned under this name, it was displayed on the village greens. The waltz was first danced in the church and serves to trace the union between ancient civilization and that of the middle ages.

The sacred dance of the pagans is preserved to a certain extent in Christian rites. It is transformed to a series of revolutions made to the sound of the tambourine. St. Isidore, archbishop of Seville, born about A. D. 580, was intrusted by the council of Toledo with the revision of the liturgy as it was then practiced in the Roman church, in which there was a tambourine dance. The council decided to adopt the Isidorian liturgy in all Spain, and it differed but little from that used in other countries at that time.

This rite, celebrated before the eighth century, when the Moors first invaded Spain, was still celebrated by the Christians in the seven churches of Toledo, which the Moors abandoned after their capture of the city, and it was after that time called the Moorish rite. This was known and employed in Provence and Italy. The tambourine in use in this religious dance was called by St. Isidore "molle de symphonie," and evidently corresponded to the instrument which in the ancient sacred dances accompanied the flute, a sort of bagpipe invented two centuries before Christ. As the religious dance of the middle ages is allied to the ancient sacred dance so the waltz is an evolution of this religious dance, having passed through many changes before arriving in its present form. In the eleventh century, when the Gregorian rite supplanted the Moorish rite, the dance disappeared from the church. It appeared very quickly in society under the name of "carole," a word derived from the Latin "caroler."

THE CHAMELEON.

Some of the Peculiarities of This Very Queer Animal.

A most remarkable creature is the chameleon. To all appearances the nervous centers in one lateral half of this animal work independently of those in the other, and it has two lateral centers of perception—sensation and motion—besides the common one in which must reside the faculty of concentration. The eyes move independently of one another and convey separate impressions to their respective centers of perception. The consequence is that when the animal is agitated its movements resemble those of two ani-

mals or rather perhaps two animals joined together. Each half wishes to go its own way, and there is no concordance of action.

Therefore the chameleon is the only four legged vertebrate that is unable to swim. It becomes so frightened when dropped into water that all faculty of concentration is lost and the creature tumbles about as if in a state of intoxication. When a chameleon is undisturbed every impulse to motion is referred to the proper tribunal, and the whole organism acts in accordance with its decrees. The eye, for example, that receives the strongest impression propagates it to the common center, which then prevails upon the other eye to follow that impression and direct its gaze toward the same object.

Moreover, the chameleon may be fast asleep on one side and wide awake on the other. Cautiously approached at night with a candle so as not to awaken the whole animal at once, the eye turned toward the light will open, begin to move and the correspondingly side to change color. The other side will remain for a longer or shorter time in a torpid, motionless and unchanged state with its eye fast shut.—Chicago News.

Cerberus' Three Heads.

The most famous of dogs is Cerberus, who watches the entrance to Tartarus. He has three heads, but Hercules dragged him to earth and Orpheus put him to sleep with his lyre. The original dog cakes were given to Cerberus by the sibyl who led Aeneas through hell. They were made of flour and seasoned with poppies and honey. He must have been an opium fiend, as the celestial drug is made from poppies. A "sop to Cerberus" was one of these cakes given to the monster by Greeks and Romans as a bribe to let them in without molestation.

Reflected Glory.

A critic relates that he was once present in the cottage at Ecclefechan where Carlyle first saw the light, when an enthusiastic pilgrim asked in awestruck tones, "And is this really the room in which Carlyle was born?" and received from the guide the answer, "Aye, an' oor Maggie was born here too."

An Excavation.

"Pop."
"Yes, my son."
"What is an excavation?"
"Why, an excavation, my boy, is a place from which dirt has been taken."
"Well, I suppose my face is an excavation, then?"—Yonkers Statesman.

That Settled It.

"Your new house is nearly completed, you say? I thought the plans didn't suit you at all."
"They didn't, but my wife and the architect insisted they were all right."
—Philadelphia Press.

There is no killing the suspicion that decelt has once begotten.—George Elliot.

PROMINENT BUSINESS MEN

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WM. COMSTOCK.

To be prepared to look after the wants of the people when they are well and supply their needs when they are sick, should certainly entitle a man to recognition and make him worthy of having his name recorded among the Prominent Business Men of any village, and it is with pleasure that we present the photo-engraving and this sketch of William Comstock, who is the chief personage in the firms of Wm. Comstock & Son, Druggists, and Wm. Comstock & Co., Grocers, whose advertisements appear herewith.

Mr. Comstock is a son of Wood county, having been born and raised near Bowling Green. He tilled the soil and taught school during the earlier part of his life, but moved to Perrysburg about 18 years ago, and took up the

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Kissimmee—Hotel Kissimmee, Park House and Lake House.
St. Petersburg—The Almon and Livingston.

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St. Petersburg—The Chataqua, October 15, 1905. The Detroit, November 15, 1905. The Huntington, December 1, 1905. The Carolina, November 1, 1905. The Paxton, November 15, 1905. The Colonial, (new) January 1, 1906. The Manhattan, (new) January 1, 1906.

Tampa—The Tampa Bay Hotel, November 14, 1905.

Winter Park—The Seminole Inn, November 15, 1905.

Palatka—The Putman House, December 15, 1905.

DeLand—The College Arms, January 1, 1906.

Florence Villa—The Florence Villa, January 1, 1906.

Punta Gorda—Hotel Punta Gorda, December 15, 1905.

Fort Meyers—The Royal Palm, January 10, 1906.

Magnolia Springs—The Magnolia Springs Hotel, January 1, 1906.

Belleair—Hotel Belleview, January 13, 1906.

St. Augustine—Hotel Ponce de Leon, January 9, 1906. Hotel Alcazar, December 9, 1905.

Orlando-on-the-Halfway—Hotel Orlando, January 9, 1906.

Palm Beach—Hotel Royal Poinciana, January 11, 1906.

Palm Beach By-the-Sea—The Breakers, December 23, 1905.

Miami—Hotel Royal Palm, January 8, 1906.

Nassau, N. P. (Bahama Islands)—Hotel Colonial January 9, 1906.

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